

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-05

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALGIERS 0912

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, AG, SU, MOPS  
SUBJ: ALGERIAN HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

REF: ALGIERS 0752

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1. WELL INFORMED WESTERN MILITARY ATTACHE SAYS THAT FRENCH OFFICERS ASSISTING IN TRAINING OF ALGERIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL SIGHTED A SECOND MI-24 HELICOPTER AT ES SENIA CIVIL AIRPORT IN ORAN ON MARCH 2. HELICOPTER LANDED JUST BEHIND AIRCRAFT WHICH ONE OF FRENCH OFFICERS WAS PILOTING AND LATTER THEREFORE ABLE TO MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.

2. FRENCH OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO TAFAROU AIR BASE NEAR ORAN HAVE TOLD ATTACHE THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY 15 MI 8 AND UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF MI 4 HELICOPTERS OPERATING THERE.

3. FRENCH OFFICERS AT TAFAROU ALSO REPORT TO ATTACHE THAT ALGERIAN  
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AIR FORCE IS USING ES SENIA AIRPORT AS BASE FOR INTENSIVE INSTRUCTION IN NIGHT HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. REASON, APPARENTLY, IS THAT TAFARAOU AIR BASE STILL UNDER REPAIRS AND THEREFORE LIGHTED ES SENIA RUNWAY IS NEEDED. IN RECENT 20-25 DAY PERIOD, AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS FLEW TOTAL OF 130 MISSIONS FROM ES SENIA, DEPARTING AIRPORT FOR PRESUMED LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS IN FIELD AND THEN RETURNING AIRPORT.

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